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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED NEED FOR FLEXIBLE EC POSITION ON HANDLING AGRICULTURE IN MTN WITH DE DOBBELEER, FONMIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONAFF DIRECTOR GENERAL, ON JANUARY 31. HE NOTED THAT

HE WOULD LIMIT HIS COMMENTS TO GENERAL BELGIAN APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE PENDING RETURN OF STUYCK NOW ON LEAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 4, WHO IS MAN IN HIS MINISTRY IN CHARGE OF THIS POLICY.

2. DE DOBBELEER SAID THAT HE IS FAMILIAR WITH BOTH US AND FRENCH POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE AND SAID HE CONSIDERED BOTH POSITIONS DOGMATIC. BELGIUM WOULD APPROACH PROBLEM WITH AN OPEN MIND IN THE HOPE OF ACHIEVING COMPROMISE FORMULA. IT WAS ESSENTIAL, IN BELGIAN VIEW, HOWEVER, TO RECOGNIZE THAT AGRICULTURE IS A SPECIAL SECTOR AND AS SUCH REQUIRES SPECIAL TREATMENT. THIS DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT IT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH EXCLUSIVELY IN A SEPARATE BODY, BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT AGRICULTURE'S SPECIAL NATURE BE REFLECTED IN SOME WAY IN PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED AT MTN. RENNER

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